

**Amendments to the Claims**

Applicant amends the claims as follows:

BA --1. (currently amended): A security device for securing an equipment component having ~~opposite corner portions~~, the security device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member for engaging a first portion ~~corner~~ of the component, and an elongate arm extending from the first restraining member; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member opposing the first restraining member for engaging a further portion ~~second corner~~ of the component that is spaced apart from the first portion ~~opposite facing relative to the first corner~~, and a releasable locking device for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other when in an engagement position;

the first and second restraining members each including a first pair of spaced apart opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the component in a first plane, and a second pair of spaced apart opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the component in a second plane ~~that is perpendicular to the first plane~~.  
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2. (original): The security device of claim 1 wherein the locking device telescopically engages the elongate arm and is securable to the arm at a selected one of a plurality of locations along the length of the arm when in the engagement position.

AA 3. (currently amended): The security device of claim 2 wherein the arm includes a plurality of ratchet teeth spaced along a length thereof, and said locking device has a pawl movable between a locked position in which the pawl engages a selected one of the ratchet teeth thereby preventing movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other, and an unlocked position in which the pawl is disengaged from the ratchet teeth such that the first and second restraining members can be moved away from each other, the pawl being spring loaded

to permit the locking device to be telescoped onto the arm while preventing it to be removed therefrom when the locking device is in the locked position.

4. (cancelled)

5. (original): The security device of claim 1 wherein a hole is defined through a portion of one of said first and second securing members for receiving a shaft to secure the first or second member to a support surface, the hole being positioned so that it is located between the component and the support surface when the security device is used to secure the component to the support surface.

6. (original): The security device of claim 1 including a cable attached to one of the securing members for connecting the security device to a structure.

7. (original): A security device for securing a substantially rectangular box-shaped component that is defined by spaced- apart cover and base walls with four side-walls extending at least partially between four respective edges of the cover and base walls, pairs of the sidewalls meeting at four corners of the component, the security device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member for engaging a first corner of the component, and an elongate arm extending from the first restraining member; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member for engaging a second corner of the component that is diagonal to the first corner, and a releasable locking device for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other when in an engagement position;

the first and second restraining members each including spaced apart cover wall and base wall engagement members, and a pair of spaced apart side-wall engagement members for engaging the cover wall, base wall, and a pair of side-walls, respectively, at the first and second corners, respectively, to restrain movement of the component relative to the security device when in the locked position.

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~~8. (cancelled)~~

9. (original): The security device of claim 7 wherein the spaced apart side-wall engagement members of the first restraining member extend substantially parallel to each other from the base wall engagement member thereof, and the elongate arm extends from the base wall engagement member of the first restraining member substantially transverse to the side-wall engagement member thereof; and wherein the spaced apart side-wall engagement members of the second restraining member extend substantially parallel to each other from the base wall engagement member thereof.

~~10. (cancelled)~~

~~11. (cancelled)~~

12. (original): A security device for securing a lap top computer, the lap top computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base collectively define a rectangular box-like structure, the device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member and an elongate locking arm extending therefrom; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member connected to a locking device for slidably receiving the arm and engaging the arm at a selected one of at least two possible engagement positions to prevent movement of the first and second securing members away from each other;

the first and second restraining members each including restraining means that are opposed when the locking arm is received in the locking device, the restraining means having means for engaging the cover and base of an open lap-top computer to restrain movement of the laptop when the arm is received within the locking device at one of the at least two possible engagement positions, and means for engaging diagonally located corners of a closed lap top

B2 computer to restrain movement thereof when the arm is received in the locking device at another one of the at least two possible engagement positions.

13. (cancelled)

14. (original): The security device of claim 12 wherein the locking arm is positioned to extend, when the security device is secured to an open laptop computer, behind the cover of the laptop computer.

15. (original): The security device of claim 12 wherein a hole is defined through a portion of one of said first and second securing members for receiving a shaft to secure the first or second member to a support surface, the hole being positioned so that it is located between the component and the support surface when the security device is used to secure the component to the support surface.

16. (original): The security device of claim 13 including a cable attached to one of the securing members for connecting the security device to a structure.

A3 17. (currently amended): A security device for securing a lap top computer to a support surface of a support member, the lap top computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base collectively define a rectangular box-like structure, the device comprising:

first and second securing members each having a restraining member defining an opening for receiving a portion of the lap top cover;

the first securing member including an elongate arm extending therefrom; and

the second securing member including a locking device for telescopically receiving the elongate arm of the first securing member and for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second securing members away from each other when in an engagement position,

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at least one of said first and second securing members adapted to be anchored to the support member,

the openings defined by the restraining members of the first and second securing members opposing each other when the arm is telescopically received in the locking device so that when the lap top computer is positioned on the support member in an open position, the cover and base can be received between and restrained by the restraining members to secure the lap top to the support member when the lock device is in the engagement position and one of the first and second securing members is anchored to the support member.

18. (cancelled)

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19. (currently amended): The security device of claim 18 wherein the locking device can be selectively secured at a plurality of locations along the arm and the restraining member of the first securing member includes engagement members configured to engage a first corner of a closed lap top computer, and the restraining member of the second securing member includes engagement members configured to engage a second corner of the closed lap top computer that is diagonal from the first corner such when the lap top computer is in its closed position and positioned on the support member with one of the first and second securing members anchored to the support member and the first and second securing members engaging diagonally located corners of the lap top computer, removal of the closed laptop computer from the support member is prevented.

20. (original): The security device of claim 19 wherein the locking arm is positioned to extend behind the cover when the security device is used to secure the laptop computer in an open position.

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21. (new): The security device of claim 18 including a cable attached to one of the securing members for connecting the security device to a structure.

B2 22. (new): The security device of claim 1 wherein the first plane and second plane are substantially orthogonal to each other.

23. (new): The security device of claim 1 wherein the device is adapted to secure a substantially rectangular box-shaped component by engaging diagonally opposed corners thereof, the first pair of opposed engagement members being adapted for engaging spaced apart cover and base walls of the box-shaped component, the second pair of opposed engagement members being adapted for engaging a pair of orthogonal sidewalls of the box-shaped component.

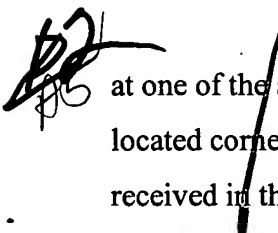
Cont. 24. (new): The security device of claim 1 wherein the device is adapted to secure a laptop computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base are parallel to each other, the first pair of opposed engagement members being adapted for engaging spaced apart cover and base walls of the box-shaped component, the second pair of opposed engagement members being adapted for engaging opposite facing surfaces of the laptop computer cover when the computer is in the open position.

25. (new): The security device of claim 23 wherein the first and second restraining members each include a further pair of opposed engagement members for engaging a pair of orthogonal sidewalls at diagonally opposed corners of the laptop computer when the laptop computer is in a closed position.

26. (new): The security device of claims 1 wherein the device is adapted for securing a laptop computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base collectively define a rectangular box-like structure, the first and second restraining members each including means for engaging the cover and base of an open laptop computer to restrain movement of the laptop when the arm is received within the locking device

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 at one of the at least two possible engagement positions, and means for engaging diagonally located corners of a closed lap top computer to restrain movement thereof when the arm is received in the locking device at another one of the at least two possible engagement positions.--

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